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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a prima facie prior art reference against the claims of the present application.

CONCISE EXPLANATION OF
RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Document A1 relates to a cell transfer control method in an ATM network - by controlling waste of cells belonging to specific traffic class, according to cell priority and predetermined waste conditions that are determined based on relationship of congestion state for every connection in a stored cell.

Document A2 relates to an ABR communication cell low monitor in an ATM network - monitors flow of fixed length packets in communication service for transferring data by changing allowed transmission rate of each connection depending on state of network being used.

Document A3 is cited in the specification. English translations of the Japanese documents are not readily available, however, English language abstracts are provided herewith.

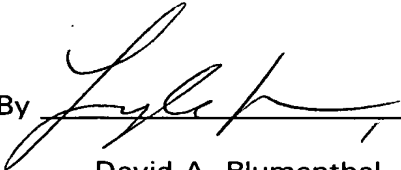
The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), within three (3) months of the filing date.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialled copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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